

**Resolution authorizing an allocation of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to Franklin County Public Health for mask compliance education and communications.
(Commissioners)**

WHEREAS, the President of the United States issued a Nationwide Emergency Declaration for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) on March 13, 2020 pursuant to sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) and consistent with section 1135 of the Social Security Act (SSA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 1320b-5); and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 disease, caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, is a vaccine preventable disease; and

WHEREAS, fifty-seven percent of Franklin County residents have started, and fifty-three percent of Franklin County residents have completed, their vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, the SARS-CoV-2 virus and its latest Delta variant continues to rage in our community, especially among the unvaccinated, and Franklin County is currently one of several Central Ohio counties categorized as an area more than three times "high" transmission, which is the highest level on the Center for Disease Control (CDC) measure of transmission; and

WHEREAS, nearly 140,000 Franklin County residents have contracted COVID-19, more than 4,100 have been hospitalized, and tragically, just over 1,500 of our neighbors have succumbed to it; and

WHEREAS, the number of new COVID-19 cases grows across Ohio and within Franklin County, Central Ohio hospitals and healthcare providers are reporting strain on their capacity; and

WHEREAS, in order to stop the spread of the virus and maximize individuals' protection, the CDC advises individuals to get vaccinated and wear a mask indoors in public, especially in areas of "substantial" or "high" transmission; and

WHEREAS, the individual and collective actions of local governments in Franklin County continue to be powerful tools in the fight against COVID-19, and mandating masks for employees and visitors in public buildings will help stop the spread of COVID-19 and help ensure that public building are safe for all; and

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WHEREAS, Title IX of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R. 1319) authorized the creation of a Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to make payments to units of local government that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, funding for mask compliance education and communications are an eligible use of funds pursuant to §35.6(b)(1)(ix) of the Interim Final Rule promulgated by the U.S. Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Commissioners can provide funding to Franklin County Public Health in support of these efforts pursuant to sections 307.85 and 3709.283 of the Revised Code; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. That the County Administrator is hereby authorized pursuant to section 305.30 of the Revised Code to sign any documents associated with this resolution.
2. That the attached purchase order in the amount of \$90,000 that is individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List is hereby approved.
3. That a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$90,000 is hereby authorized from the unappropriated cash balance as follows and allocated per the attached document (Journal #3307):

	AMOUNT
Community Partnerships/General Fund/Grants Fund 1000	\$90,000

4. That estimated revenues are hereby revised per the attached document (Journal #3308).

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SIGNATURE SHEET FOLLOWS